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" (d) No necessity to take over the management of the Radio and Electricals, Limited, ever arose.

" (e) No."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is it not a fact that an officer of the Government is now the managing director of the company? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" No, Sir."

Starting of Iron and Steel mill in Salem.

* 33 Q.—SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to start an Iron and Steel mill in Salem district;

(b) whether the Government have approached the Central Government to grant permission to start such a mill ; and

(c) if the answer to (a) and (b) are in the affirmative whether it will be a State concern or a private company or a mixed concern with State and private shares?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) The question is under consideration.

" (b) No permission is required for starting an Iron and Steel Factory.

" (c) It will in all probability be a State concern, if finally it is decided to establish it."

SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI :—" Have the Government investigated the possibility of starting an iron and steel mill in any other part of the province? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" No, Sir."

Total revenue from rates and taxes.

* 34 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the total revenue raised by local authorities from the rates and taxes in each of the years from 1939 and the additional revenue obtained by them from Government grants-in-aid and the basis on which these grants-in-aid were sanctioned?

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" A statement [a] containing the information is appended. The basis on which these grants-in-aid were sanctioned is explained in the footnote to the statement."

[a] Printed as Appendix on page 175 infra.